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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-14 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being obvious in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. Applicant greatly acknowledges an interview granted by the Examiner and conducted on October 23, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection.

With regard to claim 1, neither Cannon et al., Browne et al., Vallone et al., nor their combination disclose or suggest,

... means for transmitting audio data to said user through said means for communicating to prompt said user to send recording parameter data for recording programs, **each program being associated with a plurality of recording parameters** ...

... if the user selects to edit the previously stored recording parameter data, **the instructions prompt the user to edit recording parameters for each program** and if the user selects a program for editing, **the instructions prompt the user for at least two parameters of the plurality of parameters associated with the selected program...**

Basis for this amendment may be found in paragraphs [0035]-[0037] and Fig. 8.

Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. were described in a prior response.

Vallone et al. teaches a user may edit programs scheduled to be stored. Vallone et al. disclose that the editing may be done when "[T]he user selects the unwanted programs by placing an "X" next to the program's name or he can let the system select the programs that will be removed." (Col. 19, lines 4-10). Vallone et al. do not, however, disclose a hierarchical system of first prompting the user to edit recording parameters for each program and then prompting the user for at least two parameters associated with the selected program.

According to an exemplary embodiment of Applicant's invention described at paragraphs [0035]-[0037] and Fig. 8, if the user selects to edit the previously stored recording parameter data, a program is announced to the user at step 281. The user is then prompted to edit

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recording parameters for the program at step 283. If the user selects to edit the recording parameters, the system announces each parameter of the program and prompts the user at step 282 to edit the announced parameter. After the user is prompted for each parameter, the user is prompted to indicate if another program as to be edited. The system continues until all parameters of each program are prompted.

Because neither Cannon et al., Browne et al. nor Vallone et al. disclose the limitations of claim 1, claim 1 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. Claims 3-6 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

With regard to claim 2, claim 2, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 2 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

With regard to claim 7, claim 7, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 7 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Claims 8-10 depend from claim 7. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 7.

With regard to claim 11, claim 11, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 11 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

With regard to claim 12, claim 12, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 12 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for the same reasons as those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Claims 13-14 depend from claim 12. Accordingly, these claims are not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in

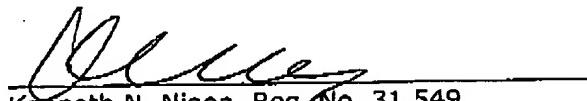
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view of Cannon et al., Browne et al. and Vallone et al. for at least the same reasons as claim 12.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-14.

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